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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action of March 27, 2007, applicants elect without traverse, Group I, claims 1-33 for prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to place contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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